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SUBJ PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S COMMENTS ON US/CANADIAN RELATIONS

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OTTAWA DATELINED NEWS ITEM CARRIED
BY CANADIAN PRESS TICKER DECEMBER 16: BEGIN QUOTE

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU INSISTED TUESDAY THAT HE HAS BEEN
TOLD BY HIGH-LEVEL U.S. SPOKESMEN THAT RETIRING AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER WAS NOT EXPRESSING OFFICIAL VIEWS
LAST WEEKEND WHEN HE RAPPELLED RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN
CANADA.

MR TRUDEAU SAID IN THE COMMONS HE TAKES EXCEPTION TO
REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT U.S. OFFICIALS THERE HAD CONFIRMED
MR PORTER'S VIEWS. MR TRUDEAU SAID INFORMATION CONVEYED
TO HIM FROM PARIS, WHERE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER
AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ALLAN MACEACHEN ARE ATTENDING
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND
FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS TO THE CONTRARY. HIS COMMENTS
CAME AFTER REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT CANADIAN OFFICIALS
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HAD BEEN GIVEN A DISCUSSION PAPER WARNING THAT US INVESTMENT

HERE MIGHT DRY UP BECAUSE OF THE THREATENED TAKEOVER BY
THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT OF POTASH MINES.

PRESIDENT FORD ALSO AUTHORIZED TUESDAY A STATEMENT FROM
AN ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY SAYING THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS THE
TWO COUNTRIES CANNOT RESOLVE. END QUOTE.
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